

CONCERT EXERCISE  
FOR  
LINCOLN SUNDAY



Fair Play  
for  
Handicapped  
Americans

A Missionary Service  
for  
Lincoln Memorial Sunday  
February 11, 1917

American Missionary Association  
287 Fourth Avenue, New York City

# Lincoln Memorial Sunday

## Fair Play for Handicapped Americans

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### HYMN—Tune—CHRISTMAS

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
And press with vigor on ;  
A heav'nly race demands thy zeal,  
And an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around	'Tis God's all-animating voice
Hold thee in full survey ;	That calls thee from on high ;
Forget the steps already trod,	'Tis His own hand presents the prize
And onward urge thy way.	To thine aspiring eye.

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Superintendent**—Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**School**—*Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong*

**Superintendent**— Be strong!  
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,  
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.  
Shun not the struggle, face it. 'Tis God's gift.  
Be strong!

**School**—*We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves.*

**Superintendent**— Be strong!  
Say not the days are evil,—who's to blame!  
And fold the hands and acquiesce—O shame!  
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.  
Be strong!

**School**—*There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life:  
As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee: I will not fail thee or forsake thee.*

**Superintendent**— Be strong!  
It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong,  
How hard the battle goes, the day how long,  
Faint not, fight on! To-morrow comes the song.  
Be strong!

**School**—*Be strong and of a good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee.*

## PRAYER

### *Fair Play for Handicapped Americans*

**Superintendent**—Every American believes in fair play. "Take one of your own size" is the cry to the bully who jumps on the little boy.

**School**—*"Give the little chap a handicap" is the demand of the crowd before an older boy races with a younger one.*

**Superintendent**—But what America condemns in her games, she condones in her life.

**School**—*There are fifteen millions of backward and belated people under our flag who are not getting half a chance.*

**Superintendent**—Let us make February stand for Fair Play for Handicapped Americans.

**School**—*What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*

**Superintendent**—The American Missionary Association, founded in 1846, is the Congregational organization which expresses our interest and forwards our help to

**ALL**—The ESKIMOS in Alaska,  
The ORIENTALS on the Pacific Coast,  
The INDIANS in the Northwest and in California,  
The HIGHLANDERS in the Appalachians,  
The NEGROES in the South,  
The PORTO RICANS in the West Indies,  
The HAWAIIANS in the Mid-Pacific,  
The SPANISH-AMERICANS on the Border.

**Superintendent**—We have 27,000 pupils and church members from these backward races. How is the work of moulding their lives cared for?

**School**—*By means of 739 consecrated missionaries working in 61 schools and 224 churches with 50 out-stations in 21 states.*

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**Superintendent**—We thought it would be interesting to have the latest news, and have established for February the new A. M. A. wireless aerogram service.

*Has any class caught a radio from any A. M. A. field?*

The reading of wireless messages by representatives of the various classes. The messages should then be pasted on the chart for reference and review.

## LINCOLN DAY OFFERING

Let the Superintendent explain the meaning of S. O. S. and read the message from New York with a statement about the offering.

The making of pledges or the gathering of the offering.

This offering will count on your church apportionment. Mark it "From the Sunday School" and send it in promptly.

## HYMN—Tune—AMERICA

My country! 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song:  
Let mortal tongues awake,  
Let all that breathe partake,  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

### District Offices

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19 South La Salle Street  
Chicago, Ill.

*Pacific District*  
21 Brenham Place  
San Francisco, Cal.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

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